

The Port of Milwaukee has seen a variety of cargoes coming up the inland river system this year. Hopper barges carrying manufactured pieces for a local power plant expansion, steel and grain. The river barge cargo pictured here originated in Vietnam and transferred in New Orleans. The barge route travels up the Mississippi River to the Illinois River, north along Lake Michigan to arrive in Milwaukee in approximately 26 days. River barge transportation is by far the most economical way to move cargo from the Gulf to Wisconsin. The Port of Milwaukee has received 29 river barges through the end of June in 2006. River barges can transit to Milwaukee year round.

